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1. DC-9-50 LEASED FROM HAWAIIAN AIRLINES FINALLY ARRIVED IN GHANA LAST WEEK AND WENT INTO SERVICE ON WEST COAST RUN OCT 27. AS WE HAVE REPORTED EARLIER, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THERE IS AMPLE JUSTIFICATION FOR A SINGLE GHANA AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT OF THIS SIZE ON WEST COAST SERVICE; PREVIOUS CAPACITY WITH F-28 SERVICE CLEARLY INADEQUATE.

2. SIMILARLY, WE LONG ON RECORD FOR NEED FOR GHANA AIRWAYS TO REPLACE ITS AGING AND COSTLY -TO-OPERATE VC-10 WITH SIMILAR SIZED AIRCRAFT (DC-8, B-707) FOR ITS EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST SERVICE.

3. WE REMAIN SCEPTICAL, HOWEVER, THAT FINANCIAL AND AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY ANALYSTS (WHICH WE DO NOT CLAIM TO BE) WILL BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY MORE THAN ONE LONG-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RANGE AND ONE MEDIUM-RANGE AIRCRAFT, OR ANY WIDE-

BODIED AIRCRAFT, FOR GHANA AIRWAYS IN NEAR-OR-MEDIUM
TERM FUTURE.

4. INDUSTRY SOURCES INDICATE GHANA AIRWAYS CONCUDING
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